



RECREATIONAL USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSES
PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Dry Fork Creek
Unclassified segment WBID # 2041

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Gasconade and Maries Counties

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Subject: Fw: Dry Fork Creek Maries County

Another one. Thanks. Martha Buschjost

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To: doyle.childers@dnr.mo.gov

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Subject: Dry Fork Creek Maries County

Director Childers:

My family farm in Maries County meets the banks of the Dry Fork Creek in Maries County. It has been in my family since 1973. We have **used the creek to swim during the summer** and to water our stock all year long. I understand from recent newspapers articles that the Department of Natural Resources is considering an exemption to the bacteria standards of the Missouri Clean Water Commission.

You should know for many years Maries County Road 315 has had a swimming access to the creek used by local residents for fishing and other recreational activities. This particular county road has a concrete low water bridge and several nice swimming and fishing holes running along the bottom land. Our family sold the bottom land some years back to another resident who now uses the creek water for watering his cattle. However, we still retain some lands in the watershed area of the creek as well as the creek itself.

My family, children and grandchildren are down at the creek several times in the summer and it is an enjoyable time for all. An absolutely wonderful fishing and swimming spot, especially with the concrete low water bridge.

As a Missouri Tax Payer and land owner along the Dry Fork Creek watershed area and lands abutting the creek itself, I would urge the DNR to reconsider listing Dry Fork Creek as a water body to be exempted from the Federal Clean Water Act. **We depend on your department to partner with Missourians to offer viable and clean water bodies to Missouri residents** who use these water bodies as part of their land options and also for recreational purposes.

I am aware that Kingsford Charcoal Company, a subsidiary of the Clorox Company, is also in the watershed area of Dry Fork Creek. We can see the plant from the back side of our property. I would hope business entities are not allowed to abuse this water body for their own business purposes.

I truly feel the DNR does not fully recognize the use this creek provides to families living in the rural areas surrounding it. I know for a fact, people in the surrounding counties of Osage, Gasconade and Maries

use the creek for recreational purposes, both swimming, fishing and using the water to clean gear they use at their recreational sites. As a landowner next to the creek, I am absolute against sewer agencies and other facilities using the creek to release bacteria into the water.

Again, I urge your department to reconsider this exemption and to instead **place the watershed area and the Dry Fork Creek water body itself under the protection of the Federal Clean Water Act.** I depend on you to make sure it is protected as a pristine non-polluted water body available for recreational activities for all future Missourians.

Vickie A Branson
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573-694-6590
893-5600, ext 56300

property owner on 20920 Maries County Road 315 of land abutting and adjacent to the Dry Fork Creek
ybranson@amfam.com

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Recreational Use of Your Stream

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Name: Christopher Cook

Address: 2350 Lake of the Woods, Columbia, MO

Phone Number: (573) 814-2527 E-mail address: CCook@CenturyTel

Stream name: Dry Fork Creek WBID (if known): _____

What county is the stream in? Marion Co

Have you or your family used this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How have you and your family used the stream? Please circle all that apply:

☒ Swimming ☒ Playing ☒ Fishing ☒ Wading Water skiing Snorkeling Skin diving
Tubing Kayaking Canoeing Trapping Other: _____

Has anyone in your family, including children, ever used the stream in a way where they might have accidentally ingested water? Yes ☒ No ☐ If so, how? Swimming, wading + fishing.

What stretches of the stream have your family used? Describe locations as accurately as you can by means of distance from landmarks, bridges, streets, highways, or property lines (example: 150 yards downstream from Hwy EE bridge). Feel free to draw (on back) or include a map.

My family and I have used the Dry Fork Creek for recreation between and around Marion Co Roads 313 and 315. There are good swimming holes and fishing holes.

Do you know of others using this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How have others, to your knowledge, used the stream? Please circle all that apply:

☒ Swimming ☒ Playing ☒ Fishing Wading Water skiing Snorkeling Skin diving
Tubing Kayaking Canoeing Trapping Other: _____

Do you know of others ever using the stream in a way where they might have accidentally ingested water? Yes ☒ No ☐ If so, how? Swimming + playing

What stretches of the stream did they use? Describe locations as accurately as you can by means of distance from landmarks, bridges, streets, highways, or property lines (example: 150 yards downstream from Hwy EE bridge). Feel free to draw (on back) or include a map.

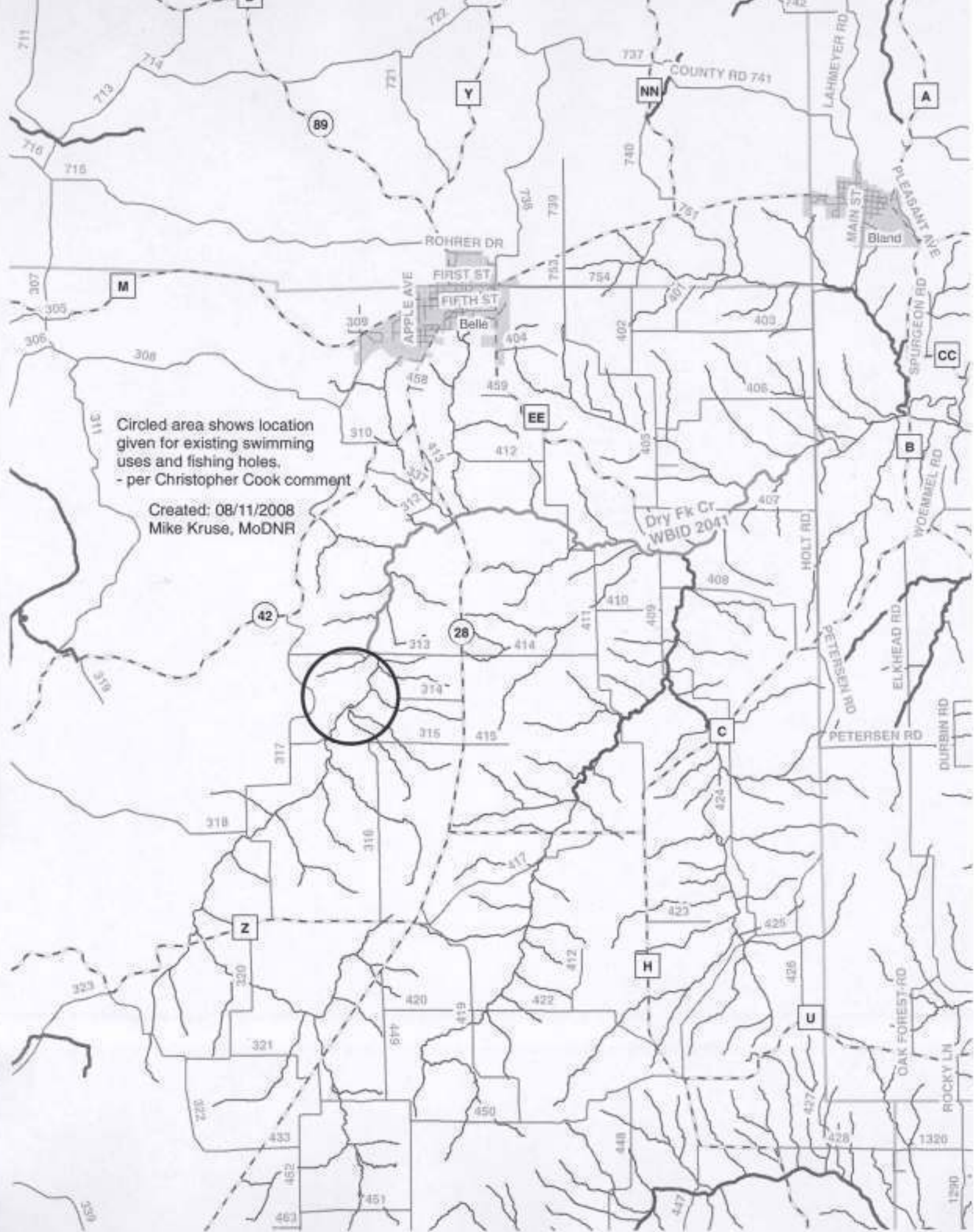
(same area as mentioned above.)

Signature Christopher Cook Date 7/16/08

Mail to: John Hoke, UAA Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102, or Fax: 573-522-9920, or Email: john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov

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(see back)

I played, swam + fished in the Dry Fork Creek as a child from the years 1971-1989. My family (I have three sons) return to that area frequently. It would be a shame to see the Dry Fork Creek become contaminated. That area is a depressed area, many of the kids living in that area would not be able to ~~used~~ use the creek as we did if this creek is not protected. If protected, kids + families could continue to use the creek for recreational purpose - there is not much else around there to do!



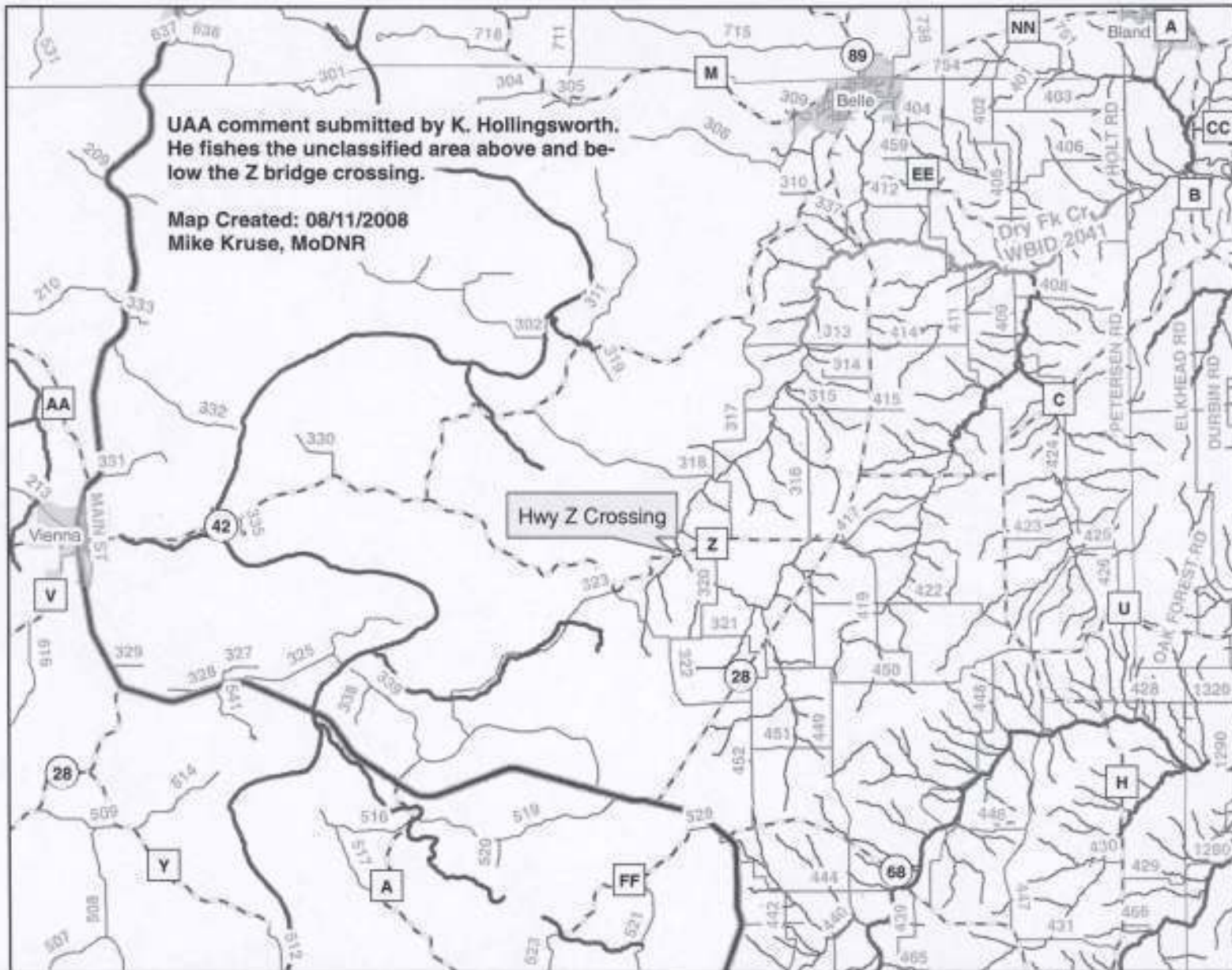
Dear Sir

I have the following comment on the proposal to dump sewage etc. in Dry Fork Creek - I grew upon this creek and started using it in 1945 I have been fishing etc for around 63 yrs - I think it is a damn crime to even consider using this creek as any more streams for a dump ground - the citizens who use those streams dump their garbage - cans - etc. etc and fools like me clean up after them - Any how I use the stretch about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile above, to $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles below the Z bridge between Hwy 28 and Vienna, also the bridge above the tourbise and dry fork mouth near Owensville, this creek has cattle using it in places - deer, turkey and other wild life - in the fall the blue wing teal use the bigger shallow pools the very plentiful snap turtles can travel to clean ponds & lakes spreading germs - this creek is heavy use during summer and holidays around Owensville and of course we know how the disinfection process would work also.

I have a suggestion for the problem
Let the people who create the sewage
dump it in their fancy swimming
pools then have a big bar-b-que and
all go play in the pool and leave
the few no streams left alone.

K. (BASS MAN) Hollingsworth

Dry Fork Creek WBID 2041



Legend

- Dry Fork Creek (WBID #2041)
- Classified Stream
- Unclassified Stream
- - - State Highways
- Other Roads

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Comments on Dry Fork Creek

Seen in Belle Banner (maries Co. Mo.)

I Timothy D. McCormack propose
this act to lift restrictions of sewage and
other contaminate's to be released
into the Dry Fork Creek.

Over half my life I've spent fishing
this creek, my children & grandchildren
swim & fish this beautiful Ozark
stream. My friends from all over visit
to fish The Dry Fork creek. It's been
my Gem of the Ozarks. Our secret fishing
stream. Miles & miles of trophy large &
small mouth bass I have taken and
had for supper. I've fished only 10 miles
of this stream I intend to fish it all
some day.

Please condemn this move. Save
our creek Please.

Thank You

Tim McCormack
P.O. Box 823
Belle Mo. 65013

To Department of Natural Resources
For Mike Kruse, Environmental Specialist

Mr. Kruse, Thank you for reading my letter
of interest to The Dry Fork Creek in Marie's
Co. I started fishing this creek in 1980,
I worked construction work, It took me all
over the back Hills, I came to a low water
bridge, I stopped and made One cast into
a small pool & I caught a 8'6" Bass, I was
hooked on fishing The Dry Fork Creek.
I outlined in pink. All water I've waded &
Fished, from Hy. 2 to past Hy. 13 out of
Bland Mo. I don't know County Rd. # I know
I was close to Owensville. I walked down
the creek off of Hy 19, About a mile
over

The water got too deep, I think it goes
into the Barbus River. Any^{way} No Fish, down
past Hwy 19 Bridge.

I got a lot of friends from St. Louis that
come to fish this little creek, They All love it.
I know the City of Belle & Bland got
problems with their sewer, Lagoon's they
Don't have the money to fix it. Something
is going to change some or later.
Letting the lagoon water into the creek
is not the answer.

Well, if I can help let me know.

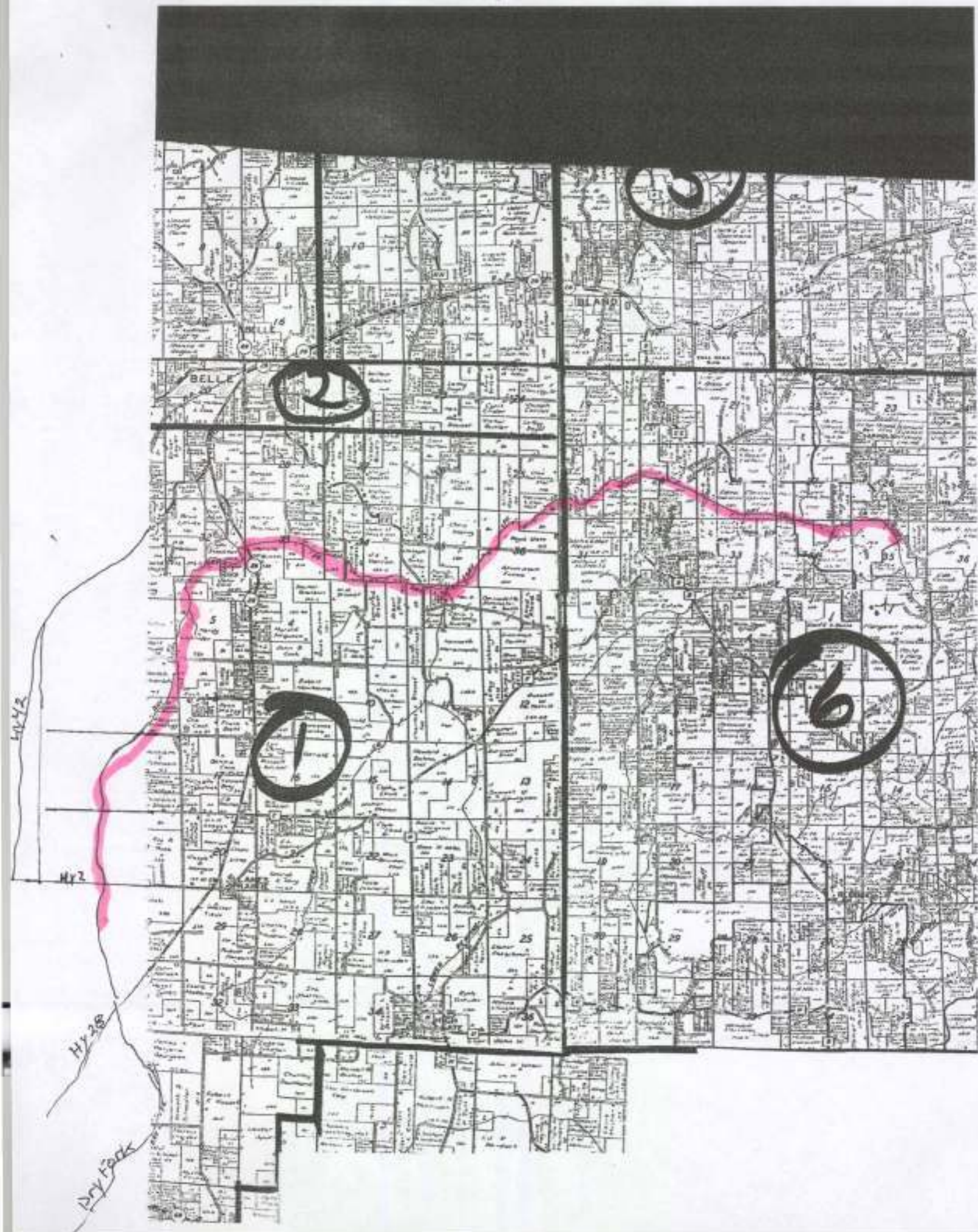
Thank

Terrill McEnroe

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Dear John Hoke...

My name is Wade Wilkerson I am 17 years old. I have been fishing, swimming, wading, and canoeing in that creek ever since I can remember. I have moved to Oklahoma 4 years ago. My grandfather called and told me what they are trying to do. It brings tears to my eyes. I am going to the marines this year. I am going to missouri to the Dry Fork to fish it one last time."

Wade Wilkerson

P.S.

All the fun I had was on the creek

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Wade Wilkerson

Address:

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Phone Number: (405) 274-2089 E-mail address:

Stream name: Dry Fork Creek WBID (if known):

What county is the stream in? maries county

Have you or your family used this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975? Yes X No

How have you and your family used the stream? Please circle all that apply:

Swimming Playing Fishing Wading Water skiing Snorkeling Skin diving
Tubing Kayaking Canoeing Trapping Other: fish bait

Has anyone in your family, including children, ever used the stream in a way where they might have accidentally ingested water? Yes X No If so, how?

Swimming, Wading

What stretches of the stream have your family used? Describe locations as accurately as you can by means of distance from landmarks, bridges, streets, highways, or property lines (example: 150 yards downstream from Hwy EE bridge). Feel free to draw (on back) or include a map.

Hwy 2 - Hwy 19

Do you know of others using this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975? Yes X No

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~~swimming~~ Swimming, Wading

What stretches of the stream did they use? Describe locations as accurately as you can by means of distance from landmarks, bridges, streets, highways, or property lines (example: 150 yards downstream from Hwy EE bridge). Feel free to draw (on back) or include a map.

HWY-Z to HWY 19

Signature

Wade Wilkinson.

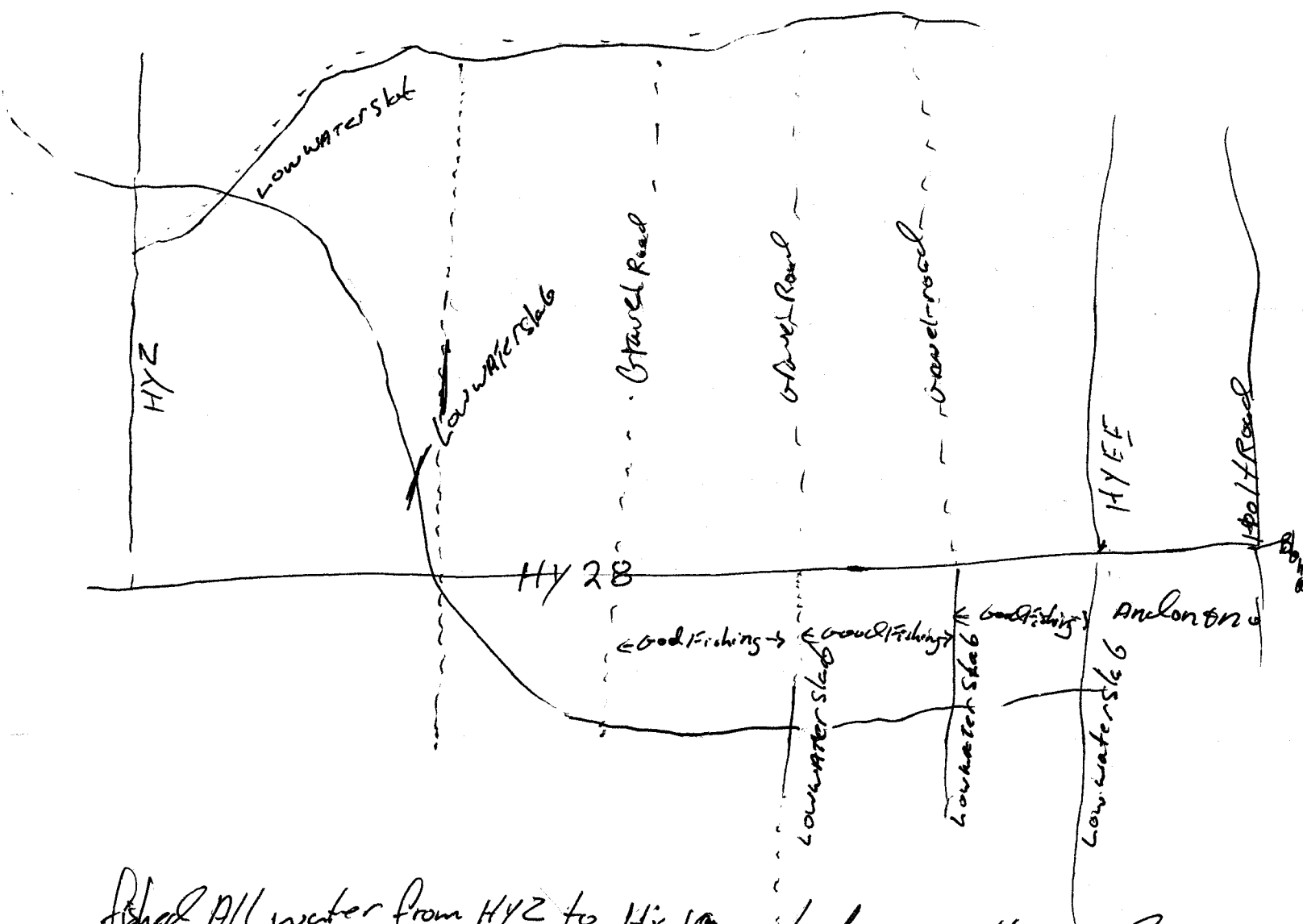
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Fished all water from HY 2 to HY 19 out of Owensville and beyond
 many 716 + 816. Bass, Smallmouth closer to Bourbon River &
 Brush Creek off 19 + CC Hy.